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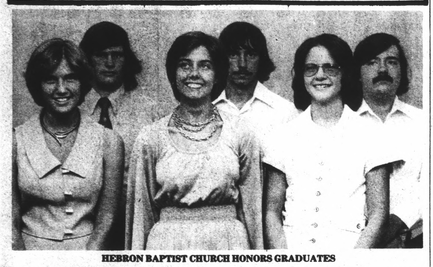

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH HONORS GRADUATES

Hebron Baptist Church honored their high school and college graduates at a breakfast Sunday, June 12, at the church. A gift was presented to each graduate. Shown above are Danny Carson, David Roope, Ruth Stratton, Gail Moore, all graduates of Appomattox County High School; Kay Burnett, Virginia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing; David Mitchell, Bluefield College; and not pictured are Ronnie Davidson, and "Bucky" Gunter, graduates of Appomattox County High School; and Debbie Stratton, graduate of Virginia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing.

The Modern Little Red Hen

Once upon a time, there was a little red hen who scratched about the barnyard until she uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her neighbors and said, "If we plant this wheat, we shall have bread to eat. Who will help me plant it?

"Not I," said the cow.

"Not I," said the duck.

"Not I," said the pig.

"Not I," said the goose.

"Then I will," said the little red hen. And she did. The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain. "Who will help me reap my wheat?" asked the little red hen.

"Not I," said the duck.

"Out of my classification," said the pig.

"I'd lose my seniority," said the cow.

"I'd lose my unemployment compensation," said the goose.

"Then I will," said the little red hen, and she did.

"Who will help me bake the bread?" asked the little red hen.

"That would be overtime for me," said the cow.

"I'd lose my welfare benefits," said the duck.

"I'm at dropout and never learned how," said the pig.

"Then I will," said the little red hen.

She baked five loaves and held them up for her neighbors to see.

They all wanted some and, in fact, demanded a share. But the little red hen said, "No, I can eat the five loaves myself."

"Excess profits!" cried the cow.

"Capitalist leech!" screamed the duck.

"I demand equal rights!" yelled the goose.

And the pig just grunted. And they painted "unfair" picket signs and marched round and round the little red hen, shouting obscenities.

When the government agent came, he said to the little red hen, "You must not be greedy."

"But I earned the bread," said the little red hen.

"Exactly," said the agent. "That is the wonderful free enterprise system. Anyone in the barnyard can earn as much as he wants. But under our modern government regulations, the productive workers must divide their product with the idle."

And they lived happily ever after, including the little red hen, who smiled and clucked, "I am grateful. I am grateful."

But her neighbors wondered why she never again baked any more bread.

--copied

Editor's Note: We would take this to be an amusing story - but - it's too true to be funny!

PAMPLIN

The "Singing Christians" will present a program of music at Elon Baptist Church Sunday, June 27th at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M.Inge visited their "children", Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Inge, Earleyville last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Austin and two sons of Richmond spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumby.

Mrs. Aurelia Hineman of Suffolk returned home last Saturday after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson.

Miss Maria Rudzinski of Cleveland, Ohio arrived last Tuesday for a visit with Miss Donna Smith. They will leave this week for Virginia Beach to visit with a schoolmate from William & Mary.

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The Pastor Speaks

VICTORY IN JESUS

One of my favorite songs is entitled, "Victory In Jesus." The lyrics read like this:
"I heard an old, old story, how
a Savior came from glory,
How he gave his life on Calvary
to save a wretch like me:
I heard about his groaning,
of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
and won the victory.
O victory in Jesus, my savior, forever,
He sought me and bo't me
with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him,
and all my love is due him,
He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.

The Bible declares that Jesus is victorious over Satan, the evil one and that the "born-again" Christian shares in the victory:

"This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith"(I John 5:4).

"But thanks be to God who is giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:58).

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

"Now thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph in Christ." (2 Cor. 2:14).

We are not working from defeat to victory, but from victory to victory. Victory is not a point of departure or even a destination. It is a way of going. It does not rest on what we are, have done, or are doing. It rests on Him - The Lord Jesus Christ. In short, since victory is a way of going and Jesus is the way, victory is simply Jesus Christ.

But alas, dear reader, this does not mean that you are walking now in victory. In fact, it may be that at this very hour you have been confronted by a problem of such nature that your victory is seemingly gone. You are thinking, "If this is victory, I wonder what defeat is like." To have victory as a possession does not mean that you have victory as practice. You can own a Cadillac and walk! You can have groceries and go hungry! You can have friends and be lonely! You can have Jesus Christ and be motivated by the devil! You can have the victory and be living in defeat!

You can have the victory, but it is a matter of acknowledging your victory to be in Jesus, appropriating it by faith's act, asserting it by faith's word, and applying it through faith's demonstration! This life is a river,not a pool. A river is fresh and flowing; a pool can become static or stagnant. When victory is static, it is no longer victory. The promise of Jesus is, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me as the scriptures hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38).

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

By Lawrence W. Althouse

SING TO THE LORD!

Lesson for June 26, 1977

Background Scriptures: Exodus 14 through 15.
Devotional Reading: Psalms 136: 1, 13-26.

Just about one year ago our nation was in the midst of its two hundredth anniversary. The July 4th weekend was the climax of a celebration that some said "never really got off the ground." There will be varying opinions on that subject, but few would deny that at best the birthday party was subdued, somewhat akin, perhaps, to the celebration of a person who no longer is anxious to call attention to his or her age.

Rev. Althouse

There was an effort put forth to encourage the churches—local congregations as well as denominations—do their part in the celebration. And many did, scheduling special observances, services, and projects throughout the year. Still, when it was all over (nobody seemed quite sure when that was), there was a feeling that the party had been, on the whole, disappointing.

Into the midst

Sometimes the pronouncements made it seem as if God were simply one of a long cast of characters in the great historical pageant of American freedom. From time to time, it seemed, God did "his part"—whatever that is or was. It was as if God deserved no more than mention among the "patrons list" on the official program. So, maybe one of the reasons that the celebration was such a dull party was that many people didn't know what the celebration was all about.

This is a problem the people of Israel do not have when they celebrate the Passover. Although they revere and honor Moses and the Israelites who followed him, there is no question as to who or what was the source and author of their freedom: "And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians" (Exodus 14:31). God alone was the Liberator of the people of Israel and their historic response to that recognition has always been in the spirit of celebration expressed by Moses' sister, Miriam: "The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation" (15:2).

He has triumphed!

Should we not also view our freedom as a gift from God? Should we not also regard him as our Liberator? Instead of assigning God a "part" in our celebration, ought we not to knowledge that he is the great author and source of our freedom?

This takes nothing away from the "fathers" of the Revolution. It takes nothing away from the rag-tag armies of Continentals who endured incredible suffering against fantastic odds, nor from our French allies and others. Without Moses there probably would not have been an Exodus; without these men there might have been no Revolution. But behind it all, it is God who moves men and nations toward freedom.

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ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Beef Referendum: The registration period for the July Beef Referendum ended last Friday, June 17. As of closing time there were approximately 65 producers registered to vote. A list of registered voters was updated each day during the June 6-17 registration period and posted on the office bulletin board. A final list shall be posted on June 22, and remain posted until July 20. The list will be available for public inspection.

Registered voters can vote from July 5-15 on whether they favor the previously publicized Beef Research and Information Order.

As the beef referendum progresses there will be additional news publicized. In the meantime if there are any questions, please contact us.

Fire, Sun and Maryland Tobacco Producers: A reminder to fire, sun and Maryland tobacco producers that June 30, 1977 is the final date for reporting your planted acreage for your 1977 crop.

Beekeeper Indemnity Payment Program: The Beekeeper Indemnity Payment Program requires beekeepers to submit a report to their county ASCS office by July 15 each year on the number of colonies of bees and queen nuclei maintained at each apiary and the location of each apiary. This report is required for a beekeeper to become eligible for an indemnity payment for bee losses by pesticides.

National Flood Insurance Program - Farmers and other rural residents in Appomattox County are reminded that they may be eligible to purchase flood insurance coverage on their home and other farm buildings. The National Flood Insurance Program operated by the Federal Insurance Administration in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides for the sale of limited amounts of flood insurance to owners of certain types of property in eligible communities. Flood insurance is made available at federally subsidized rates. The insurance in eligible communities is available on all apartment buildings, business structures, agricultural, religious and non-profit buildings, and those owned by State or local governmental agencies.

The agency of State Government which serves as coordinator between your community and the Federal Government on flood insurance is Bureau of Water Control Management, Va. State Water Control Board, P. O. Box 11143, Richmond, Va. 23219.

The servicing Company in Virginia is Insurance Company of North America, 5225 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Additional information including rates is available from either of these two offices. The insurance may be purchased from any property and casualty insurance agent or broker licensed to do business within the State.

Disaster Program - Wheat and Barley - There have been some reports of small grain crops in Appomattox County being damaged by the severe winter weather and drought. If your wheat and barley crop has been severely damaged there is a possibility you may be eligible for disaster payments to help offset such crop losses.

If you plan to destroy the crop you will need to stop by the ASCS office before you destroy it and check on program provisions. If you harvest the crop you will need to bring production evidence into the ASCS office within 15 days after you complete the harvesting.

Licensed Surveyor To Locate Here

Forriest T. Seargent, a licensed surveyor, formerly working out of his office in Sandston, Virginia, has moved to Appomattox County to set up headquarters here. Married to the former Margaret Babcock Phillips, Seargent graduated from high school in 1940; came to Appomattox county in 1941 and began his training as a surveyor with the State Highway Department. In 1942 he worked at Camp Pickett while in the employ of Wiley and Wilson. Drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1943 he served approximately three years as a radio gunner on a B-25 Bomber for a total of 69 missions. He was recalled in 1951 with the 49th Fighter Squadron during the Korean conflict and served another 18 months before being discharged as a master seargent.

After further training with W. W. La Prade and J. K. Timmons in the Richmond area, he became a licensed surveyor in 1954 and went into business for himself in 1958.

A son, Anderson L. Seargent also a surveyor is at present in charge of his Richmond office and his only other son, F. T. Seargent, Jr. is a surveyor in Kentucky.

In the process of building a home on Route 24, Mr. and Mrs. Seargent are members of United Memorial Methodist Church here in Appomattox. Mr. Seargent is a past commander of the American Legion, Charter member of the Virginia Kiwanis Club of Eastern Henrico; he is a past member of the Ruritan Club. He also organized Little League Groups in Sandston was was instrumental in the building of two ball fields; worked with Boy Scouts serving in the capacity of committeeman of the Robert E. Lee Council of Scouting. A member of the Richmond Power Squadron, a private organization to promote boating safety, in which he participated in a 13 week instructional course on boating safety. He was voted member of the year in 1974 out of a membership of approximately 400.

Seargent, has also taken the required course in the principles of real estate and plans to take the examinatin for a license as a real estate salesman in the near future.

"This is where I started," stated Seargent, "my wife's home is here. I like the people; I am looking forward to serving the people...I feel like I am coming home."

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